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¶1. (U) In response to reftel request, Post confirmed that the NATO Accession protocols for Croatia and Albania were approved by the Foreign Affairs Committee of the National Assembly on January 28 and are scheduled to be ratified by the plenary assembly on the afternoon of January 29. Then the text will be sent to the French Senate for action. The Senate does not yet have a date for consideration, but the Foreign Affairs committee is aware that ratification of the NATO protocols is a priority of the MFA. Post will report on the Senate vote once it is scheduled.

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